

REMARKS

Independent claims 19, 27 and 29 have been amended to recite that the individual terminals of the group perform at least one function in place of the previous recitation of "including" in claim 19 and "having" in claim 29. The claims are patentable for the reasons set forth in the April 12th and April 5th Amendments in that the cited prior art does not disclose the performance of at least one function as set forth in the independent claims.

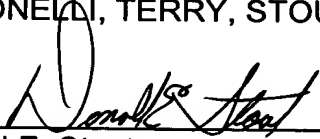
It is also requested that the Examiner consider with the Second Supplemental Amendment the prior art cited on May 12, 2003, which is the subject of the Status Inquiry of May 13, 2004.

Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0171.39605X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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